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## THE DEATHBLOW TO THE MONROE DOCTRINE.

President Wilson and the leaders of the Democratic party have repeatedly declared that the league of nations does not interfere with the Monroe doctrine, but other countries do not take the same view. England, for instance, just after this statement was first made, took occasion to express a different view, apparently taking the reservation not to be bound over by inference by the interpretation which the president attempted to place upon that article of the covenant which refers to the Monroe doctrine. The words of the British diplomats upon the Monroe doctrine were: "Should any dispute as to the meaning of the latter ever arise between the American and European powers, the league is there to settle it." Without doubt Japan could subscribe to the same view, for she is anxious to establish a foothold in Mexico and acquire territory from which her nationals could be easily smuggled into the United States. She would like to use our base for her naval operations as an aid to her present position and she should become involved in one with this country.

If Japan should undertake to establish a foothold in America she would run counter to the Monroe doctrine which would be extended against her. But consider what would happen under the covenant of the league of nations. The United States would protest that it violated its independence of the covenant and immediately the answer would come back from the six votes of Great Britain and from the other countries friendly to her that "the league is there to settle it." All Europe would joyfully jump on the chance to annul the Monroe doctrine thus enabling them to get by their means and had the foothold they have so long desired on territory in the Americas. The protests of the United States would be in vain. She would be outvoted in the interpretation of the league covenant by those nations which have long been looking toward America with greedy eyes. No other interpretation of this phase of the covenant can be expected and every American who advocates making the United States a member of the league does so with the knowledge that it will be the deathblow to the Monroe doctrine.

## IS A GOLD BONUS NEEDED?

Would a premium on gold help to increase the production of this much needed precious metal in this country? asks New York Curb. This is a question which has been asked by many people who are in a position to know that the production of the yellow metal must be increased to meet the demands of the world.

Under the present conditions in the mining world, it is said, this is the only remedy which would serve this purpose and at the same time not interfere with the gold standard.

Previous to 1914 gold producers were able to produce and market their product at the same figure that they are given today, namely, \$20.67 an ounce, and at that time were able to show a handsome profit for their labor, as the costs of operations were more than 100 per cent lower than at the present time.

Labor was not at a premium in those days and plenty of experienced miners were available. Transportation was much better when the mining activities were running high and this helped everything else. Gold mining companies were responding with dividends on the investments, all for the sole reason that producers were able to market their product at \$20.67 an ounce and make a nice profit thereby.

Now, when the world requires all the gold that it can possibly produce or obtain, it discovers that mining costs have risen immensely, in line with the general rise of other commodities, which have increased in their average wholesale price from 1914 to 1919 by 112 per cent.

Prices in virtually all trades have increased in proportion to the increased operating costs. But there is at least one exception to this, and this is gold.

## NOTICE TO DOMESTIC ENEMIES OF AMERICA.

By unanimously affirming the conviction of Big Bill Haywood and 93 other Industrial Workers of the World for conspiracy to violate the selective service and espionage acts, the United States circuit court of appeals in Chicago has dealt another blow to the pernicious doctrine which teaches that the nation and its loyal people must sit defenseless and helpless whenever the enemies of our institutions seek their assaults on national peace and safety under a garment inscribed "political action."

Haywood and his fellows in the conspiracy were tried in the United States district court in Chicago in 1918 and found guilty by a jury. Sentences were pronounced by Judge Landis, and the convicted persons were set free on bail pending decision of their appeal. They cannot truthfully assert that the courts have displayed undue haste in passing on their cases. They have not been "railroaded." Even now they may find in the law means to postpone still further their punishment.

If such means exist they are entitled to use it. Nobody wants to see them abused or deprived of their legal rights. But every American will breathe more freely as he watches the steady, if slow, establishment in the understanding among revolutionaries, incendiaries and parlor rebels of realization of the fact that law-abiding patriotic citizens are not deprived by the institutions of their country of the right to protect themselves from enemies at home.

Nevada has lost population in the last 10 years, and now has 77,407 inhabitants, against 81,875 in 1910. However, no son of Nevada will be downcast at this. All will argue that if some millions of Americans do not understand the virtues of their state, those unappreciative ones are plainly unfitted to enjoy its many and undenied advantages.—New York Herald.

Make the approaching Republican landslide such a huge one that the whole world will know that no president who trades off American rights, interests and ideals can deliver the goods.

## State and Indian Service Dispute

The U. S. Indian service does not recognize the authority of a state in adjudication of water rights on a reservation, and because of this attitude difficulties have arisen in settlement of water controversies along the Muddy river in Clark county, says the Carson News. The Moapa Indian reservation, through which the river runs, was created in 1873 and consists of about 1000 acres, of which a total of 825 acres are claimed to be irrigable. According to the Indian service officials the agent of the reservation reported 130 acres under irrigation in 1873, the crops consisting mainly of barley, wheat, corn, beans and melons. His report for the next year showed 250 acres under irrigation with a total crop value of approximately \$25,000. It is also asserted that an early prior right may be claimed for the Indians. In 1915 the irrigable lands on the reservation were allotted in severalty. Each head of a family received 75 acres; each married woman's share was 50 acres; each single adult was given five acres; orphans under 18 years, 10 years each, and to each other minor child 2 1/2 acres. In this manner 9452 acres were allotted under the usual 25 year trust patents. The Indian service people want the waters of the Muddy river for the Indians, claiming that for it authorities only have jurisdiction and that state adjudications interfere. Accordingly, the superintendent in charge of the reservation is reported to have been instructed to permit no interference with the Indians' irrigation system by outsiders. The state authorities claim that there is a great wastage and loss of water; that the Indians have under cultivation not exceeding 57 acres. It is maintained that the banks of the river are higher than the surrounding land and that excess water taken out does not return to the stream. As practically all the white ranchers and claimants to the water live below the reservation, they lose the benefit of the water that would come down the river if the Indians did not divert more than they really use. It appears that the reservation superintendent's instructions to permit no interference by outsiders will prevent the state engineer from making any distribution of the water by saving for the ranchers all that is not actually needed by the Indians for irrigation of their small acreage. The controversy gives promise of being long-drawn-out and hard-fought.

## MANY WILD ANIMALS KILLED IN MONTH

Nevada and California have been depleted of a total of 439 coyotes, 64 bobcats and one mountain lion by the 46 hunters working under the direction of the United States biological survey during the month of September, says the Reno Journal. So far during the year of 1920 these men have accounted for 4182 predators animals. These hunters trapped and worked in all 4705 days, or an average of 26 days during the month. Carl Sorowake, whose postoffice is Ray, California, but whose territory is largely in Nevada, accounted for 34 coyotes and one bobcat.



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